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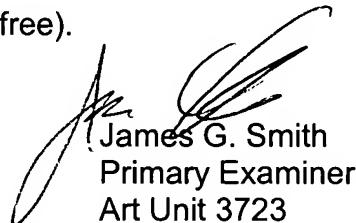
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#### DETAILED ACTION

1. The timely submission filed on 18 November 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because applicants have still not elected only one species listed in the Office action of 23 October 2002. The response is no different than the other submitted responses in that more than one species appear to be elected. Also, claims selected appear not to be drawn to any lock nut or insert which is what is shown in figure 30i. The other elected figures are not part of the same species, thus the response is not proper for the same reason as the numerous previous responses.
2. The period for response continues to run from the Office action dated 10 November 2004.
3. Any response to this letter must be directed to only one of the species listed in the 23 October 2002 action. To continue to include portions of other listed species will again result in abandonment of this application as such responses have and will continue to be held not fully responsive and the time will continue to run from the date of this letter.
4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to James G. Smith whose telephone number is 571-272-4496. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (7:05- 4:35) Fri. off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph J. Hail, III can be reached on 571-272-4485. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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